

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

April 8, 2003

5:30 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Sysyn, Guinta (late), Osborne, Garrity, Forest

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Robin Bonneau on behalf of WGIR requesting the use of Arms Park and the Notre Dame Bridge for their 12th Annual WGIR/FM Memorial Weekend fireworks display to be held on Sunday, May 25, 2003 with a rain date of Monday, May 26, 2003.

On a motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to approve the request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Lindsay Shearer on behalf of CIGNA HealthCare of New Hampshire seeking authorization to hang a 60-foot banner across Elm Street to mark the start of their 5K Road Race on Thursday, August 14, 2003.

Chairman Sysyn asked City Clerk Bernier are we doing banners now?

City Clerk Bernier answered no we're not doing banners. What they do...they've done in the last ten years they just put it up for like five minutes and then they take it down.

On a motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to authorize the request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from David Smith, MTA Executive Director, regarding removal of two metered parking spaces on the West Side of Elm Street at the bus stop at Elm and Wall Street.

Alderman Forest stated I move the question. I think I called Tom today and he said he was not opposed to it.

Tom Lolicata stated no this was to help the MTA and involves two meters.

Alderman Forest asked so they can park a bus in there right?

Mr. Lolicata answered they have to because they have no room up there at all and it's just in the Wall Street area, so it won't affect me much.

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to accept the request.

Chairman Sysyn addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

One-Way Streets:

Hollis and Kidder

(Note: This item was referred back to the Committee by the Clerk as the direction and area description of the streets was not identified in previous action taken.)

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, this item was moved for discussion.

Mr. Lolicata stated the last time you brought this up I was on vacation and I'm glad nobody said what direction this was going in because I'm...first of all I'm against Hollis...excuse me I'm against Kidder being any kind of a one-way street. It should be left alone as two-way. The one that you have to take a right, come up to Charles and over Bridge, the first one is Kidder.

Chairman Sysyn asked Alderman Guinta what he wants with this item?

Alderman Guinta stated I want one-way on Kidder west...

Mr. Lolicata stated no...

Alderman Guinta asked what do you mean no?

Mr. Lolicata stated I'm just about to explain this to everybody...you know I'm against it. If anything, that should be left alone.

Chairman Sysyn stated Kidder should stay...

Alderman Guinta asked I thought we dealt with this last month?

Chairman Sysyn replied we did. But it went to the board and they sent it back...the Clerk sent it back.

Alderman Guinta asked for what reason?

Chairman Sysyn replied we didn't have the direction and the area description of the streets was not identified in previous action taken.

Alderman Guinta asked I thought we were clear?

Chairman Sysyn asked were you gone last time?

Alderman Guinta responded no I was here. So you're against it?

Mr. Lolicata answered right. Well prior to that I told you I'd look into both streets for you. I had three streets to look into at the time. Kidder besides having a property that's going to be expanded, who knows in the future, you got lights down there to go into the millyard, which you should make it a two-way street. Those lights are the first major artery into the millyard actually. People coming up from Canal 90 percent of the time have to get onto that bridge, so it has to go the other way. The only thing I'm going to make a recommendation in the future is later on when it comes to Elm Street, Kidder Street as you're going east bound as a two-way, right turn only. That's later on, not right now. There's not enough traffic there.

Alderman Guinta stated the one-way that I wanted to do on Kidder doesn't extend, I mean it still allows people to go from Canal onto the bridge, onto that exit. The idea is to bring it one-way but down...not the entire street, down just before I think where the onramp is.

Alderman Forest stated I know what he's saying.

Mr. Lolicata asked if you're heading bound you want to stop at Charles Street? Why would you want to do that you've got a set of lights just about 60 feet away from it? And after that it goes right into the millyard.

Alderman Guinta replied here's the issue. There are 40 town homes in Amoskeag, in those five row houses. Every single person...I live there too so, I made no secret of that. I have not heard one person object to this proposal. This is a proposal that came from the condo association during the process of discussing the Bridge and Elm project, and those residents have asked for several things. Cut down on cut-throughs in the alleys, which are private.

Mr. Lolicata stated we can do that.

Alderman Guinta continued more parking on Hollis and Kidder, and the issue that was brought up during...from one of the architects during Bridge and Elm Street meetings, was you can do diagonal parking assuming that those are one-way in each direction.

Mr. Lolicata stated assuming they're one-way.

Alderman Guinta responded assuming yes. Adding parking on both sides for those residents because they don't enough parking as it is, for several reasons. One's Keyspan, one's the college, the brick Sullivan building, so you have non-residents who are parking on those streets so residents don't have adequate parking and there's really no other alternative solution for residents unless they want to park somewhere else.

Mr. Lolicata stated we could work on Hall Street for you. I go down there in the daytime and I see parking everywhere.

Alderman Guinta stated people leave there during the day, they go to work and when they come home at night the places are...it's tough to find a spot. That's what their concern is.

Mr. Lolicata stated that's excluding where they can park in a private place.

Alderman Guinta responded yes you get one spot per unit. One or two units have two spots.

Mr. Lolicata stated I've got other alternatives too. First of all the reason I want to leave Kidder alone is if anything ever goes in there Alderman, those people have to get out of a big building, an apartment complex is built. You already have a set of lights to set them up, anybody who wants to go northbound can go down to Canal and you head north and go home or you head south and get out. But you've got to think of what's there already controlling people, and that's the lights. And if a complex is ever built that's going to be a helpful thing.

Alderman Guinta asked which lights are you referring to? The lights on...

Mr. Lolicata answered on Canal and Kidder...sure and it's a gateway also for people that go to the west side if they have to get out to go straight down to the millyard.

Alderman Guinta stated I take that every day, I mean that's...

Alderman Forest stated so do I and I live on the west side. I don't go westbound I go eastbound. You come from Canal Street to those lights, make a right turn and go up over the bridge.

Mr. Lolicata stated you're going in the other direction also, always heading westbound. I'm explaining why the lights were put there and why they're going to probably end up helping in the long run.

Alderman Guinta asked how does this...there are alternative ways to get to the millyard beyond...I mean this is part of the problem that I think the residents would like to stop. The constant traffic.

Mr. Lolicata stated well then I'd have to discontinue one set of lights for one direction just because of that, that's number one.

Alderman Guinta stated well it's 40 constituents in my...40 units, which is probably 80 constituents.

Mr. Lolicata stated and you have something that might be going in that area which might need lights and might need a two-way street to get out of there. There's a lot that's...

Alderman Guinta stated during the Bridge and Elm...during the phases of discussion of Bridge and Elm, I talked to Bridge and Elm developers and architects who were not opposed to doing a one-way.

Mr. Lolicata asked which way did they want it?

Alderman Guinta replied this is what...this is sort of...I mean I don't want to stick it on them, but in general discussions with residents at Amoskeag Place...

Mr. Lolicata stated with the residents living there, OK.

Alderman Guinta continued the residents who currently reside in Amoskeag Place; the general discussion was one-way west on Kidder and one-way east on Hollis. I mean at the time...I'm not saying that they are...I don't want to...

Mr. Lolicata stated if I lived there I'd think the same thing too, that's what I would want. But is that prudent? Is that going to answer all our troubles? I'm going to end up turning it into a two-way street if something is built there. I'll guarantee it. And if a complex goes in there, any type of complex, you're going to need that side over there from the plans I saw of egressing out onto Kidder Street, you're going to have to have a two-way street first of all. You've got to have it.

Alderman Guinta asked then why wouldn't they have...why wouldn't have the architecture or the developers have said that when this whole questioning, this whole line of discussion and questioning came up. Because it never did.

Mr. Lolicata replied I got some of those things out of the same people. First of all they don't want them going up the back alley and make it a one-way so they wouldn't go up the back alley. I talked to the same people telling them to go up to Elm Street, you're never going to take a left to get onto Elm Street, right turn only. Those are the things we're preparing for, but if anything ever goes through because most people are going to go down to Canal Street. Anybody going south, going north or going to the west side, are going to go down to Canal westbound to the lights to egress to get out. We'll block off the back alley so they don't make cut-throughs, because that will be the next thing they're going to do.

Alderman Guinta asked block out which alley?

Mr. Lolicata replied it's almost directly across from...

Alderman Guinta asked how are you going to block it? With what?

Mr. Lolicata stated make it a one-way.

Alderman Guinta stated it's a private way. The residents...

Mr. Lolicata stated no, no the back alley...the City back alley...there's a City back alley.

Alderman Guinta said OK right behind Bridge and...

Mr. Lolicata stated right, that would be a...

Alderman Guinta stated there was three others. There's a total of three alleys.

Mr. Lolicata replied right. The other ones are below the private ones that you're talking about. I'm talking about the City one.

Alderman Guinta stated but there's a total of three that are used as cut-throughs. All three are used as cut-throughs.

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't know about that.

Alderman Forest stated I plead guilty to that because I've done that myself coming from Struthers and Dunn.

Alderman Guinta stated people don't...I don't think people realize that those are private ways, I mean that's private. Two of them are private streets. The one behind Dunn is not. The one that gets the most is mine, which is the middle one to the point where one of my neighbors was actually hit by a car. And this is in an alley where we have paid to have the speed bumps that are put in.

Mr. Lolicata asked are those one-ways?

Alderman Guinta replied not their not. They're private drives. They're basically driveways. We've talked about having an iron...a gated...we've actually talked about putting gates up.

Mr. Lolicata asked why not make those two private one-ways? Heading southbound so nobody can go through there at all except that people who are parking and people who live there. I'll even help with the signage.

Alderman Guinta replied I don't know. I'd have to think about it and I'd have to talk to them and see if that would be OK. I don't necessarily want to take it yet, because the fact still remains that all of my constituents want these two streets one-way. So there's got to be something...I know there's an issue, Ted's going to get pissed because he put the...

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't care about Ted, I care about the City.

Alderman Guinta stated let's go back to the design issue then...to the traffic flow issue. When I talked to the Bridge and Elm developers and architects they had no objections about making Hollis and Kidder one-ways. And we talked and they met with the condo association and the members of the condo association at Amoskeag Place two or three times and none of the concerns that you're voicing from a traffic standpoint were ever voiced by the architects or the developers.

Mr. Lolicata stated well somebody must speak up for the City then doing that. Somebody better say something for the City because you're going to have bedlam over there.

Alderman Guinta stated what bedlam...I don't understand why we're going to have bedlam if you make it a one-way. Maybe I just don't understand what you're...

Mr. Lolicata stated from the plans that I saw they're going to have an egress coming out of this tower, acts sort of like a horseshoe.

Alderman Guinta replied right. That lines up with my...

Mr. Lolicata stated it's just below the City back street, correct. When people come out of there, if you're going to make it a one-way...

Alderman Guinta interjected they have to take a left out of there, instead of left or right. All the way down to Canal, instead of a left to Canal or a...

Mr. Lolicata asked where would you want them to go? Right or left? Say you made it a one-way?

Alderman Guinta replied left.

Mr. Lolicata stated that means west bound. All the way to Canal Street where the lights are, or halfway of what you were talking about?

Alderman Guinta replied all the way to Canal.

Mr. Lolicata stated OK, so nobody can go up to the right at all?

Alderman Guinta replied no, no. As...one of CLD guys, I don't which CLD employee, said that you could make Kidder a one-way, top to bottom. And then leave a portion at the bottom near Canal, leave a portion that goes up into where that exit is, or the onramp...the entrance or the onramp onto...I mean this is where we came up with the idea, it was a CLD engineer that said this. This is not...this is where I and my constituents and residents...

Mr. Lolicata stated years ago this was a one-way.

Alderman Guinta stated it was a CLD engineer that proposed the recent thing and that's why everyone liked it. The residents at Amoskeag liked it. I didn't necessarily talk to you about it at the time, but that's why I suspected that there was not a problem with it because if an engineer's telling me who's working on that development, if they're telling me that that's going to be OK from their perspective, I assumed that there wouldn't be...that whatever issues we had we could overcome those issues.

Mr. Lolicata asked well if they ever build that place I'd like to know how people are going get up there from Canal Street even to get into it?

Alderman Guinta replied they're not. They're going to have to come from...they're going to have to go up Hollis...if they're coming home from Canal, they are going to take a left on Hollis, take a right on...

Mr. Lolicata interjected no excuse me I'm saying when you build this building whatever.

Alderman Guinta added how are people going to get to it? You mean the actual construction...

Mr. Lolicata asked from Canal Street up to the west side. How are they going to get up there? This is a public street we're talking about right now. How are the people going to get up there to get to this building? If you make it a one-way westbound...

Alderman Guinta asked the people that are going to live there?

Mr. Lolicata stated if you come up Canal Street and you want to go into that building and the entrance is over on Kidder Street...

Alderman Guinta replied you're going have to...if you're either way, whatever way, you're going to have to come up Canal, take a right onto Hollis...

Mr. Lolicata interjected no you want to go straight ahead to get into that building they just build, you have to go up straight.

Alderman Guinta stated let me finish. You take a right up Hollis, then you're at Elm, then you take right on Elm, you take a right on Kidder and then you go into the entrance.

Mr. Lolicata asked you'd do that people to go into a building like that.

Alderman Forest stated the average person is going to cut through your driveway. Even more so.

Alderman Guinta stated I'm not sure why...this is my ward...you know these are my constituents, this is what they want. And that's fair that maybe people will come through, at some point we're going to put fences up so, you know gates, so they can't cut through.

Alderman Forest stated I know the last meeting when this was proposed I agreed with what you said, but when I got through the questions you said you wanted to make it part one-way I was under the impression that it was Hollis Street not Kidder Street.

Alderman Guinta replied no, no it was Kidder. And that's because of the onramp, so you still have access.

Alderman Forest stated it used to be that way on A Street in Alderman Smith's ward. It used to be one of those. Up one street two ways and the rest of it one-way and that was a disaster.

Alderman Guinta stated I think the other...if someone's coming from Concord, they're coming home and they live there for example, instead of taking...you're going over the bridge and instead of taking a right on Canal over the Amoskeag bridge. Instead of taking a right on Canal you just go straight you go up to Elm, you take a right at Elm and you come all the way down Elm and then you're going to take a right onto Hollis and then a left into the complex. I do that sometimes when I come home. You're not going to forget your way home, I mean you're going to figure out pretty easily.

Mr. Lolicata asked you want Hollis to be a one-way? We can do something with that.

Alderman Guinta stated this is what the constituents...I'm telling you there's not one person who is against this. There's 40 units which is roughly 80 adults who...this is what they've been talking about for months and I'm telling you I didn't put this into their heads, when they were meeting with Bridge and Elm developers and engineers and architects...this was what was coming out of those meetings and I've got to be honest with you Tom, I stayed silent.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'm amazed. Myself as a City official I'm kind of amazed that...

Alderman Guinta interjected are you telling me that the traffic is going to increase because of that or there's going to be...because they want to have a little more privacy, they want have less cut-throughs, they want to have more parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated if something is built there Alderman I'm saying traffic is going to increase.

Alderman Guinta stated we know the traffic is going to increase because of the increased...because of that new building and they're OK with that...the constituents are fine with increased traffic and with the project. They're not against the project, but what they'd like is some alterations to the general area to enhance their living accommodations. And what they're looking for are one-ways so people don't cut through and additional parking on the side streets.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'll go along with you and do anything to help you and Hollis but Kidder I don't know if you want to do that, you're going...I think you're going to get yourself into some problems down the road are going to be insurmountable.

Alderman Guinta asked what problem are we...I mean I want to understand. What problem would be entering into? I'll tell you, I can go back and have a meeting with the constituents to make sure everyone's clear about what we're doing here.

Mr. Lolicata stated first of all just coming up to Elm Street itself. This place is being built. You're generating more traffic, you're going to have retail, you're going to have apartments, and two cars to an apartment. Anybody going up to Elm Street is going to have to back up, they're not going to get out to take a left. It's going to be hard enough during peak hours right turn only if it's a two way. If it's one-way like you're saying down to Charles Street, or whatever it is at that curve, anybody coming in, now I'm talking about anybody in the City, from the west side, the north, the south will go down Canal Street or travel there, to go to this building whatever retail it may have or apartments who live there or whatever, are not going to be able to get to it off the street as built, because they can not go all the way up Kidder Street to get in. That's all I'm saying. Do you follow me? They have to go around to Hollis Street and make that round about like you were talking about. So all these people who want to go to the retail or anybody who wants to get into that building for any reason, for a restaurant, for retail, or for living, are going to have to come through a back street or from Elm Street because they can't come off any further the way you've got it. That's all I'm saying.

Alderman Guinta asked so instead of having two entrances or exists to the building, only one? Is what you're saying?

Mr. Lolicata asked this big building?

Alderman Guinta replied yes.

Mr. Lolicata stated well yes. It's above the street where you want to cut it off as a one-way. I just can't see how they can get up there from the one-way.

Alderman Guinta stated I know what they want. They've been very clear for months and months and months ago.

Alderman Forest stated I want to make a motion to table it. What I want to do is make some kind of motion to agree to this, but that they work it out.

Alderman Guinta asked can you do something on Hollis...

Mr. Lolicata stated Hollis would be eastbound...

Alderman Guinta stated Kidder would be westbound. You're basically saying that...

Alderman Forest asked wouldn't it be easier the other way? I mean if it's the other way I'll move the question right away. It makes more sense to make Kidder an eastbound and Hollis as westbound.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'd still like to keep it two-way.

Alderman Forest stated I realize that but...

Alderman Guinta stated the reason you want to keep it two-way is to have double access to that...when's our next Traffic Committee meeting?

Chairman Sysyn responded second Tuesday of the month.

Alderman Guinta replied which is in May. Well let me ask this. For the construction phase of this we need two-way traffic anyway right?

Mr. Lolicata replied I would imagine so.

Alderman Guinta added so this is not...I didn't even think of that. All right, why don't we table it, you and I can talk, we can have a meeting with my constituents, and we can figure out what's good for them and what's... Is it possible for example to at least do something on Hollis, diagonal parking?

On a motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to table this item pending meetings between Alderman Guinta, Mr. Lolicata and the constituents.

Mr. Lolicata replied it would be very tight. I could put parking across the street, up and down for you and gain some, but it's tight. It can probably be done. Let me take another look at it. It's tight. We can do something on Hollis for you.

Chairman Sysyn stated Stephanie's not on the agenda. Did you send it to City Hall or did you just send me a letter?

Stephanie Lewry, Executive Director of Intown Manchester, replied I sent it to City Hall.

Chairman Sysyn stated we'll take it up under New Business.

Chairman Sysyn asked is everybody all set with this? The members responded yes.

Chairman Sysyn advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Wellington Rd., north and south side, from Bypass 28 to North Reading St.
(emergency act)
Alderman Pinard

RESCIND NO PARKING:

On Wellington Road, both sides, from Bypass 28 to a point 90 feet east
(Ord. 6287)
Alderman Pinard

RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On S. Porter St., west side, from Weston Rd. to a point 590 feet north
(Ord. 6147)
Alderman DeVries

RESCIND NO PARKING BUS STOP DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 190 feet south of Roysan St. to a point
365 feet south
(Ord. 8067)
Alderman DeVries

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On S. Porter St., west side, from a point 575 feet north of Weston Rd. to a point
105 feet north
Alderman DeVries

On S. Jewett St., west side, from Constant St. to Weston Rd.
Alderman DeVries

On Wellington Rd., both side, from Londonderry Turnpike to Eastwind Dr.
Alderman Pinard

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to accept the traffic agenda.

Alderman Forest stated I have one more before New Business. Can we take Alderman Lopez's thing off the table and then receive and file. The members agreed.

TABLED ITEM

Communication from Alderman Lopez recommending consideration of a two-tier fee structure for the parking garages.

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was moved to receive and file.

Alderman Garrity asked to receive and file is to effectively kill, is that correct?

Chairman Sysyn replied right.

Alderman Garrity stated I think we need to get a little creative. It is budget season and I think we should leave it on the table until budget season is started...

Chairman Sysyn responded but you know what, you try to attract more businesses here all the time, so you want to charge them more money than you're going to charge people parking there.

Alderman Garrity stated I think we should leave it on the table Madam Chair until budget season.

Alderman Forest stated why don't I give my reason for doing it. I've been riding around the state with some of these towns that have parking garages, and I've asked the question to everyone about a two-tier parking fee structure and none of them have it for the simple fact that they can't control it, they don't know how to do it, and that's why I'm doing this. There's a way of raising money for parking garages, but this isn't the way to do it.

Chairman Sysyn stated I think that you're discouraging out of town people.

Alderman Forest stated what are you going to get. You've got businesses where owners live out of town; business owners pay for their employees who live out of town. How are you going to kick them out? It's a good idea, but how are you going to kick them out?

Chairman Sysyn called for a vote on the motion and it carried with Alderman Garrity opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

No Parking on South Side of East High Street

Chairman Sysyn stated I've got something under new business because I didn't include the no parking on the south side East High Street leading up to...

Mr. Lolicata noted I got three more calls. They have they're guns coming out of their windows.

Chairman Sysyn stated I know they're probably...

Mr. Lolicata stated your whole area is like that Mary. It can't be helped.

Chairman Sysyn asked can we just do it through the winter months, say from November 15th say through April 15th?

M. Lolicata responded I went up there and I got another call and I'll you what, they're going to park there no matter what. Instead of on a monthly basis what they want to do is they need a place to park. I hate to say this but there's about 50,000 other streets the same way. Jane Street has to stay that way because people can't get in and out of there. It's very small.

Chairman Sysyn stated I won't do it on Lowell Street that's my street, but...

Mr. Lolicata stated the only other option I can come up with is something like seven in the morning to three in the afternoon, where the kids won't park there and the people can park at night.

Chairman Sysyn asked what do you think is better?

Mr. Lolicata replied its better than taking parking away for six months or no parking during school hours Monday through Friday, something like that. Give the people an option to park.

Chairman Sysyn stated OK that sounds better.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'd like to make a statement here if you guys would all think about this really seriously, that goes for West, Central and all of them, if you could talk to your School Board I think its about time they started mandating. The only ones that should have cars are seniors only and let these other kids start taking the buses or walking. I hate to say it to you but it's been like this year after year after year.

Chairman Sysyn stated that's why we'll have the parking garage at Central Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Lolicata asked no parking during school hours then, Monday through Friday?

Chairman Sysyn replied right.

Alderman Osborne stated the parking garage is for the teachers.

Chairman Sysyn stated there are teachers that have to park on the street.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'd like to recommend from Nashua to Malvern. Maple to Nashua should have no parking period.

Chairman Sysyn responded yes that one is fine.

Alderman Forest stated the Clerk recommends that we do a motion.

On a motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to approve No Parking on the south side of East High Street from Nashua Street to Malvern Street during school hours Monday through Friday.

Chairman Sysyn addressed the following item submitted this evening by Stephanie Lewry, Executive Director of Intown Manchester.

Request permission to place an 8' X 12' storage shed next to the Farmer's Market barn at the Hartnett Parking lot, removing no more than two parking spaces on the Concord Street Side of the lot.

Chairman Sysyn stated Stephanie's here. She had a request and sent it in to the City Clerk but it didn't get on the agenda.

Legislative Assistant Lisa Thibault stated we haven't seen anything.

Chairman Sysyn stated she needs to park the...something...

Alderman Forest asked was it something about two parking spots? I saw something...I saw a letter from Lisa about two parking spots but I don't have it in my agenda.

Ms. Lewry stated this is the letter.

Chairman Sysyn asked you don't have copies?

Ms. Lewry replied I could get copies but I didn't realize I would need them.

Chairman Sysyn asked Ms. Thibault you didn't get it?

Ms. Thibault replied I haven't seen it.

Alderman Osborne asked did you have it delivered? Who did you deliver it to?

Ms. Lewry replied I mailed it. I mailed it to City Hall.

Chairman Sysyn stated it was because they need to take up a couple of parking spaces at...

Ms. Lewry stated there is such limited storage now that the Parks Department has not place to store anything including Christmas decorations, like the decorations that are on the tree and the things that are on the streets and so forth. So I have...they though maybe I could be put it in the Farmer's Market Shed. The Farmer's Market shed is bursting at the seams with everything that we can't fit in. So it was suggested that we might want to build...go to the Tech School and have them build us another shed that would go next to the Farmer's Market barn and if we had a facility there then we can put the leftover stuff that I think is, they tell me at the Parks Department that they've got it stored in the showers in the Parks Department right now. So what that would require, and I've talked with the Tech School. Intown will pay for the shed. If we can put that shed next to the Farmer's Market barn in the Hartnett lot, that's what the request is that I sent in.

Alderman Forest asked you could tie it together then?

Ms. Lewry replied yes and they would be adjacent to each other and there are two spots that are...as soon as you go into the lot from Concord Street, there are two spots next to the barn and this shed would just be on those two spots.

Alderman Osborne asked is that full all the time? The Hartnett?

Mr. Lolicata and Ms. Lewry replied close to it.

Alderman Forest stated the shed is right where that new exit is right?

Mr. Lolicata stated the shed has already been...two, three spots, probably just two spots.

Ms. Lewry responded two spots.

Mr. Lolicata replied so we're talking two more meters. So you know.

Alderman Forest asked do you oppose that?

Mr. Lolicata stated I'd like to find a spot for this woman in the City. I really would.

Alderman Forest stated between the two garages we'll give her a spot. You said there was two meters.

Mr. Lolicata stated no she's been stuck since day one and she's been utilizing our parking lot. But it's coming to the point now that I'd like to put...I hate to put it in the park or somewhere if we're going to have a nice place for you, but it doesn't bother me none, but it's two more meters that's about it.

Ms. Lewry stated it will give us another storage facility which we can put all of the Christmas decorations in and the things that they have already have no storage for and I know storage is of a premium and until the City decides they want to do something about storage.

Alderman Forest stated at \$2.7 million? That would give you a big storage place.

Alderman Guinta asked where are they being stored right now Stephanie?

Ms. Lewry replied they're in the shower at the Parks Department, some shower stall. Alderman Guinta asked the shower stall? We're using shower stalls as...

Ms. Lewry stated I guess they just don't have any room and they put it there temporarily until we could come up with an alternative.

Chairman Sysyn stated so she wants to put a shed up at the Farmer's Market parking lot that would take up two spaces.

Alderman Guinta asked is there anything better we could do then...is there a better alternative Tom?

Mr. Lolicata replied there is, but I was going to suggest that she use part of maybe the Pearl lot with all that land they've got, but it's farther away from where she is probably and more prone to probably vandalism near the clubs. And I was thinking across the street into the park on the corner. You've got all that land there on the corner, I was just wondering why not in the park, but I don't know if you...

Alderman Forest asked but didn't Parks & Rec object to it.

Mr. Lolicata replied who knows.

Alderman Osborne asked is there any room in the garage?

Mr. Lolicata asked what garage?

Alderman Osborne answered the Victory.

Mr. Lolicata replied oh no.

Alderman Osborne replied well I don't know, so I'm asking. I thought maybe there's a corner there or something that they could use.

Mr. Lolicata stated Victory's got it's own stuff in there including a truck, a plow, and everything. I think some of your stuff is down to Canal isn't it?

Ms. Lewry stated I know everywhere it is squeezed. I don't know what to do about the squeeze, but...

Mr. Lolicata stated we'll have to look for a plot of land for you and build what you need and of course you're downtown in the middle.

Ms. Lewry stated if we could put the shed here and then find another spot to put the shed that would be, you know we'd be happy to. But I need help the Parks Department get I guess they use the showers if somebody gets...

Alderman Guinta stated I'll make the motion. I feel like...I just don't feel like this is a reasonable solution.

Alderman Osborne stated it isn't enough. I understand.

Chairman Sysyn stated no we need to buy that building across the street.

Alderman Guinta stated Mary three times.

Chairman Sysyn stated that's right. A third time you'll agree.

Alderman Osborne stated we could always put in a separate parking garage.

Alderman Guinta stated I feel like these are...I don't want to have a parking lot of sheds. Not that this is going to lead to that, but parking lots are for parking not for storage and we need to come up with some sort of alternative solution, but I'm happy to...

City Clerk Bernier stated could I make a suggestion. There's a parking garage right underneath and we're setting up storage bins and taking some of our stuff and you're talking about Christmas items, it's not like you have to go in there every day. I would suggest and I've met with Frank and there'd be some space available. They are building sheds now.

Alderman Forest asked the shed she wants to build, build it and put it in there?

City Clerk Bernier replied no. They're building a bin. They did it for us. Do you know how much space you need Stephanie?

Ms. Lewry replied I don't know...well what I was going to do is just have a shed built because I went over to the Tech center to see what they had.

Mr. Bernier stated just give me the space, give me a call and I'll take care of it. Do you need 10' X 10', 10' X 20'? Eight foot high?

Ms. Lewry asked and you're going to put things in the Rhine Center?

Mr. Bernier responded there's a parking garage but I would suggest you talk to me first if you talk to Fred. What I need to know is how much space you need.

Ms. Lewry replied OK. Is there a place that I can go and see it? Storage at the Rhine Center.

Mr. Bernier stated just come over to the office tomorrow and I'll show it. I just don't want you to start walking around. Give me a call and we'll set up an appointment. And the appointment would probably be better on Friday, just so you'll know.

Ms. Lewry replied OK.

Alderman Guinta asked does that sound suitable Stephanie?

Ms. Lewry answered as long as it's protected and it's out of the elements. It sounds like that would be fine.

Alderman Guinta stated it will be and I'll make that motion then and if that doesn't work, then we'll go to the...

City Clerk Bernier stated if there are Christmas lights then we should take care of them.

On a motion of Alderman Guinta, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to have City Clerk Bernier meet with Ms. Lewry to make accommodations for storage at the Rhine Center.

Ms. Lewry stated I buy the decorations and so forth, so I think the Parks Department just thought it was kind of my responsibility to find a place for it.

City Clerk Bernier stated that's fine. Just give me a call Friday and we'll go over and I'll show you the spot. And it's again, just so everybody knows. And you need to tell me how much space need.

Chairman Sysyn stated I've got one more thing I want to discuss with everybody and I never got it on the agenda. Where I work the post office is there, there is a garage behind me and we have early bird specials for the civic center. People come in they're going to go to the post office, the post office doesn't validate parking. A guy from the Union Leader, they made him pay three bucks and the guy at the gate say he didn't care. That's his instructions. That comes from others that he has to pick up that three bucks. If they're coming to me, I validate parking so they can say that and they could come to me and I can validate his ticket, but the post office doesn't do it. If somebody came from the post office and asked me I would do it, because they're paying three bucks just to go to the post office for three minutes.

Mr. Lolicata stated after paying three bucks they'll never do it again.

Alderman Forest asked why don't they just go to the building parking lot and then go to the post office. It's free.

Chairman Sysyn asked what building parking lot?

Alderman Forest replied the plaza.

Chairman Sysyn stated no it's not.

Alderman Forest asked what do you mean no it's not?

Chairman Sysyn asked what do you mean it's free? Underneath the garage?

Alderman Forest replied if you're visiting the building you don't have to pay.

Chairman Sysyn asked why don't you.

Alderman Forest asked I don't know. Do you have to? I never do and that's why I asked.

Mr. Lolicata asked just the people that go to the post office?

Chairman Sysyn replied it's just the post office that gets...

Mr. Lolicata asked are there any signs on your, saying validate here as they're coming in or something at your booth. But you're there all the time the post office is there?

Chairman Sysyn replied yes.

Mr. Lolicata stated just post some signs there that's all, I guess. They should tell them to post it to validate it with you.

Chairman Sysyn stated they don't know. A guy came in looking; the guy that takes pictures for the Union Leader and they gave him a horrible time and he said its not even the time that you should be collecting. Like two minutes early.

Alderman Forest stated I didn't realize that the plaza charged in that garage. They have a guard there.

Chairman Sysyn asked where?

Alderman Forest replied downstairs on the YMCA side.

Chairman Sysyn stated no they don't charge there, but they don't let you in unless if you're part...

Alderman Forest stated they've never turned me down.

Alderman Guinta asked do you have an alternative...do you have a solution or you're just putting it to the board?

Chairman Sysyn stated I want to get rid of that early bird thing at that garage. Are we making any money on it?

Alderman Forest asked that wouldn't be up to us would it?

Mr. Lolicata stated I don't think there'd be too much but I could take a look at it for you. How many people are doing this and what time of day is it? Night time or...

Chairman Sysyn asked what time does the early bird start four o'clock?

Mr. Lolicata responded just about, yes.

Chairman Sysyn asked and so then the other starts at five?

Mr. Lolicata asked the post office closes at what, five?

Chairman Sysyn replied five.

Mr. Lolicata replied so for one hour. People between four and five would stop in and go to the garage and get a stamp, and have to pay three bucks. I guess that's what I'm getting for? Is that what it comes down to? For one hour?

Chairman Sysyn and Alderman Guinta responded yes.

Alderman Guinta asked how many people does this happen to?

Chairman Sysyn replied it's happened to a few. He's not the first guy that did it.

Alderman Guinta asked five, ten, a hundred, a thousand? I mean are we talking...

Chairman Sysyn replied I had them even stop people and one day I had to follow a guy, a had a guy follow me out of the garage so he got his money back. He was at the hairdressers having a haircut and they validate parking.

Mr. Lolicata stated it seems the City bends for everybody and everybody. It's up to you. I don't know what to do with these people for one hour and I don't know how many are involved Mary because if the post office is not going to do it, I have no answer for you. Unless you want to stop the whole...

Chairman Sysyn stated I give stickers to validate parking and so does everybody else, but the post office is a different entity.

Alderman Forest stated well have them yell at the post office then. I can't understand the three bucks and I can't understand...I can understand them charging, but the three bucks seems to be expensive because I know I've been to the Victory lot, I spent 45 minutes and they charged me half a buck. The same thing with the Center of NH.

Chairman Sysyn stated right, but you didn't go on an event night. Only on event nights. Like if there's something at the civic center you've got early bird parking for three dollars...

Alderman Guinta stated instead of paying \$10 down there, you can pay three bucks here and then walk down.

Chairman Sysyn stated or you can pay five bucks after six o'clock. It's five bucks to park down there. And there's not that much business in that garage on Canal Street. I don't know how to solve it.

Mr. Lolicata stated you change the ordinance, you change for one...

Alderman Guinta stated I don't think there's anything we can do. I think it's just...I feel bad for someone who is paying \$3 for a stamp, but...

Chairman Sysyn interjected but I think if they just call the people that work there and tell them, if the guy tells them he's going to the post office, then don't charge him.

Alderman Osborne stated the post office is the one that's losing the money, we ain't.

Alderman Guinta asked are you going to have that guy ask every single person who comes in, are you going to the post office?

Chairman Sysyn replied yes. When the guy says to me I want three bucks and I say no, I'm only going to the post office, then he should let me in on an hourly thing. I take a ticket; it costs me half a buck.

Mr. Lolicata stated pretty soon you might all be doing it.

Chairman Sysyn stated I don't think you're making anything on that garage are you? With the civic center.

Mr. Lolicata responded unless there's an overflow like Cher or something, no. Early bird is early bird anyway that's all its for. It's not even for Verizon it's just...

Chairman Sysyn stated I'll tell you when he comes to me before and told we the day before the thing I would have called over there and told him that.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'll ask him to ask each...if the guy mentions he's going to the post office that's it. I'll talk to Jerome tomorrow and make sure he asks the customers.

Chairman Sysyn stated actually if he said to him take a ticket, the hourly ticket, and the guy came to me, I'd validate it myself. The costs me a lousy quarter. It creates goodwill.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'd put a sign up there that says go see Mary.

Alderman Guinta stated why don't we just make a motion that that's what Mary has to do.

Chairman Sysyn stated not Mary in particular, anybody there. I'm there until five but if they come in after five then they have problems.

Mr. Lolicata stated I'll talk to Jerome. I'll ask him that's all.

Chairman Sysyn asked are we all set now? Anybody else with anything?

Alderman Osborne asked Cedar and Beech, what are we going to do with that? Did you go take a look at it this morning?

Mr. Lolicata replied it's one-hour parking and I had to rescind the whole ordinance over there backwards and I'll square it away if you want to have no parking there up to the handicap.

Alderman Osborne stated I've got an opportunity to back that off and can't see nothing coming up Cedar Street...

Mr. Lolicata stated then I'll write the whole thing up if that's what you want.

Alderman Osborne stated yes. I can have one emergency for offloading and a handicap or whatever that's fine. One parking space for that reason. Because people park there...it's right in front of the elderly, right where St. Augustin School used to be. And you come up Cedar, it's impossible you have to stay like this and you go.

Mr. Lolicata stated next agenda.

Alderman Osborne asked can't we put it on this one?

Mr. Lolicata replied I have to take the whole thing apart and I have to write it up and everything else and I went down and looked at it so its one hour we're taking out of there and I'll put no parking in for you. That's three ordinances I've got to change to whole thing.

Alderman Osborne asked there's one space you're going to leave there?

Mr. Lolicata replied one hour for handicapped and then no parking. The whole thing.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee